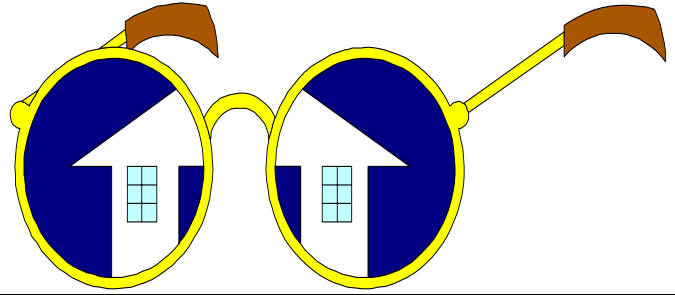


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Terri's Tidbits

Thanks to all of those captains that participated in the cookie exchange at our last Neighborhood Watch captains meeting on March 27th. The quantity and the quality far exceeded my expectations. Commander Driscoll was especially happy to see the platter of Snickerdoodles since they are her favorite. We have three recipes that were left to share and I will have copies of those made up for our next meeting.



The program on Document Crimes presented by Det. Von Faler was very timely and educational. We all learned that it is far better to use our credit or debit cards than write checks to protect our identity and prevent someone from tampering with our credit. One thing I want to emphasize is that everyone of you should request a copy of your credit history from the main three credit reporting agencies once a year. If you do not have those numbers call me and I can give them to you or go on-line at www.equifax.com, www.experian.com and www.tuc.com.

Commander Driscoll gave us a great presentation on her staff and answered questions

from the audience, after Robert Purdy, Superstition CAT Officer, presented a slide show describing the Superstition District, including criminal activity trends. Roger Sweet was introduced as the new CAT Officer working in our district.

Commander Driscoll presented Ed Middlesworth with a "ride-along" with one of our district police officers as a reward for volunteering to assist with the next captains' meeting to be held in June.



All in all, it was good meeting with over 65 in attendance. I hope that in the future we are able to provide the speakers or programs that will appeal to the majority of our captains so that attendance improves. It would be nice to have our captains meeting attain the 50% attendance that we require of our neighborhoods to maintain their active status.

Have a nice summer and if you are spending the summer in the Valley of Sun, please plan on attending our summer Neighborhood Captains' meeting. If you are away until the fall, then plan on being back in time to enjoy our GAIN Kick-Off event in September. Regardless of where you spend the summer... Enjoy!!!!

Important Telephone Numbers



Terri Teten 644-3692
Superstition Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Emergency or Crime in Progress....
911

Community Relations Unit...644-2300
Community Relations FAX...644-2800
Police Non-Emergency.....644-2211
Silent Witness.....1-800-343-TIPS
Narcotics Hotline(602)644-5081
Graffiti Hotline.....644-3083
Gang Hotline.....644-4264
Fraud Alert Hotline.....644-2345

Know your Superstition District Personnel

Commander Sandy Driscoll:
644-2287
District Coordinator Kent Kasik:
644-2209
Admin. Assistant Sharon Woods:
644-4371
Admin. Assistant Cheri Felger:
644-4371
C.A.T. Supervisor:
Sgt. A. Mitchell
C.A.T. Members:
T. Huggans
R. Purdy
R. Sweet
J. McClellan
F. Ybarra
Bike Supervisor:
Sgt. R. Davis



G.A.I.N. 2002

From
Lindy Marino, GAIN
Coordinator

Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods, also known as G.A.I.N., is right around the corner. For those new to Neighborhood

Watch, GAIN is a time set aside for all Mesa residents and businesses (as well as most other cities in Arizona!) to show their support and unity in the effort to rid of neighborhoods of criminal activity by hosting a GAIN party for your neighborhood.

This year, Saturday, October 26, from 4 pm to 9 pm has been set aside for GAIN. To make your GAIN party a success, we invite members of the City Council, State Representatives, Police and Fire specialty units, and other city representatives to visit parties throughout Mesa. If you are interested in holding a GAIN party (it counts as one of your two required annual meetings!) please note that specialty units will be visiting parties after 4:00 pm and will stop visiting parties approximately 9:00 pm. Please plan your party accordingly.

Mesa holds the record as having the largest GAIN participation in the state! Let's keep it up, and encourage your neighbors to Get Involved in your Neighborhood!!! For more information, contact Terri Teten at 644-3692 or Lindy Marino, GAIN Coordinator, at 644-3921.



Quotable Quotes

In honor of all 2002 graduates:

*"On the places you'll go!
You have the brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction
you choose."
Dr. Seuss*

*"Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but a cabbage with a college education."
Mark Twain*

*"People have discovered that they can fool the devil; but they can't fool the neighbors."
Edgar Watson Howe*

Calling all Captains!!

Don't know what to plan for your next Neighborhood Watch event? Run out of ideas for keeping the kids entertained at your events? Do you have ideas that you feel would benefit other neighborhoods? Is there a special topic that you would like to see covered during our quarterly captains meetings?

If you answered "yes" to anyone of the above questions, plan on coming to our next Captains meeting. **Volunteers are needed to help organize the meeting.** As a volunteer, you will be able to help plan the meeting as if it was an event for your own neighborhood, including selecting any speakers or topics for discussion. Ed Middlesworth and Stacy Wallister have already volunteered and as a result I have one more ride-along available for one more volunteer. The first documented volunteer will be the winner. However, any and all volunteers will be used in assisting with the meeting.



The best resources for new ideas are your fellow Neighborhood Watch captains. From now on, I will be calling on your input and assistance to make sure that these quarterly meetings are of value to you. If you have had a special event that worked for you and you feel others would like to do in their neighborhood then this is your chance.

Volunteers need to let me know of their interest by June 3. Please call me at 644-3692 or 644-2300.

2nd Quarter Captains Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 27, 2002
Time: 6:30—8:30pm
**Where: Red Mountain
Multigenerational Center
7550 E. Adobe**
RSVP: 480-644-3692



By Commander Sandy Driscoll

I would like to thank Ed Middlesworth for volunteering at the last Block Captain Quarterly Meeting to help Terri plan future meetings. As a special thanks to Ed I offered him the opportunity to ride along with a police officer.

Terri is still looking for a few more volunteers to help plan future quarterly meetings. The first two people to call Terri Teten at 644-3692 and offer to help can have a ride along with a police officer.

The Police Department is working on the goals for the next fiscal year, which begins in July. Some of the goals for this district will relate to crime issues and how we want to impact them. An example may be to reduce residential burglaries by 5% and an action plan on how to do that. Part of the action plan will involve you. We may reinforce with you what you can do to reduce your chances of being a victim, encourage you to report suspicious activity, ask you to get to know your neighbors, etc. I will have information in the July Newsletter on what the goals are and how you can help.

With the nice weather we like to enjoy the cool night air, usually by opening our windows and doors. **Remember**, before you go to bed check all of your doors and windows to make sure they are closed and locked.

As summer approaches remember to watch your children around water, especially swimming pools. It only takes a few seconds for a child to fall into the pool, or to disappear under the water if already swimming. Always have an adult watching, and if there are several people in the pool designate a couple of people to keep an eye on the swimmers.

Have a great three months and I will talk with you again in July.

Presentations Available

Looking for something different for your Neighborhood Watch meeting? Been a victim or know a victim and want to warn your neighbors, but don't have all the information you need?

We offer many presentations on Crime related topics that may be of interest to you and your neighbors. Among the specialty presentations we offer:

1. Identity Theft
2. Con Games and Fraud Schemes
3. Workplace Violence
4. Personal Safety
5. Auto Theft and Vehicle Burglary
6. Closing up your residence for the summer
7. Elder Abuse
8. Senior Safety

We are adding more presentations all the time. If you have a topic that you would be interested in hearing about, please let us know. If we don't do that type of presentation, we have many other sources to explore. Call me at 644-3692 for details on how you can have a specialty presentation for your gathering.



2002

1st Quarter New Neighborhood Watches

1. 400 N. Clancy – D. Crespin
2. 7800-7900 E. Golf Ave. –L. Bell
3. 2500 S. Revolta – L. Prigge
4. 11400-11500 E. Cicero—J. Brekken
5. 11300 E. Edgewood – R & B. Knutsen
6. 11200-14000 E. Escondido – J. Serpa
7. 11300 E. Emelita – R. Wood, F. Kinney
8. 1600-1800 S. 77 St – E. Middlesworth
9. 9600-9700 E. Escondido – W. Bechtold
10. 9600-9700 E. Empress – L. Shook
11. 6001 E. Southern – N. Olsen
12. 600-7700 E. Inverness — F. Avery, C. Head

Neighborhood FAQs

Q: I have speeding cars on my street. What can we do to slow them down?

A: **Neighborhood Speed Watch** is a citizen-involved activity to collect vehicle and speed information so that warnings can be sent to violators.

Speed Trailer-available on registration. Clocks speed of approaching vehicle and posts it for driver to see. It is a visual warning device.



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Superstition District Neighborhood Watch Activity Calendar

June:

27— 6:30 to 8:30pm - Neighborhood Watch Captains
Meeting

Red Mountain Multigenerational Center
7505 E. Adobe

RSVP- Terri @ 644-3692

September:

26— G.A.I.N. Kick Off (time and place to be announced)

October: